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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Mehran Bashiri, Michael Davis
Application No.:	09/944668
Filed:	August 31, 2001
For:	HYBRID BALLOON EXPANDABLE/SELF- EXPANDING STENT
Examiner:	Jessica R. Baxter
Group Art Unit:	3732

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Docket No.: S63.2B-9867-US01**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **December 18, 2003**.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicants hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: